Queen Anne Cobblestone

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Park View Apartments Threatened

by Bob Frazier

The Park View Apartments building is the one at 200-204 West Highland Drive, across the street from Kerry Park. The owners, in cooperation with developer Bruce Lorig, want to replace them with a six-story condominium. A part of the city requirements is to submit a landmark nomination to the Landmarks Preservation Board, and this was done February 2.

Your Queen Anne Historical Society Board has voted unanimously to support preservation of this building. We feel it is important architecturally, and it is an important part of the Queen Anne community. Being across the street from one of the busiest parks in the city, it represents the "face" of Queen Anne to the public. If it were demolished, its important part in the quality of the neighborhood would be gone forever. This building is vital to the character of W. Highland Dr., and it represents Queen Anne to all those who visit Kerry Park.

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Park View Apartments on W. Highland Drive were built in 1927-28.

Getting from Here to There

How our roads came to be

Wed. March 23rd, 7:30 pm

Join your friends and neighbors for a spirited presentation on the development of the roads and highways of King County and Washington State.

Fennelle Miller, of the Washington State Department of Transportation, will review how our roads grew from wagon trails through surveyed roads to the Freeway System.

Fennelle has a broad and varied knowledge of the early road system and the why and the how of its establishment. She will describe and show construction methods of road beds and bridges that brought people and communities together. You will enjoy her multi-media presentation and her commentary on these vital routes and highway numbering systems.

Join your neighbors at our next public meeting

Wednesday, Mar. 23, 7:30 pm
McClure Middle School Library
First Ave. W. and W. Crockett St.

The meeting is free and open to the public. It begins at 7:30 pm at McClure Middle School library,
1915 1st Ave.West on Queen Anne. For more

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Membership Notice

NOTICE! Thank you for having renewed your membership for 2004-2005. **Your mailing label shows the year your current membership expires. If your label shows *(2005EXP)* it means your membership runs through May 2005.** The same for *2006EXP*, and so on. Your membership and involvement help to preserve our community's heritage. For information contact Membership Chair, Nadine Belcher, at 206-284-8369. ***.....Thanks for helping make this a great organization!***

Calendar of

Wed. Mar. 23, 2005

Program: The Building of King County Highways. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free. (See page one)

Wed. May 25, 2005

Program and Annual Meeting: Subject still in work. The women's program previously scheduled has been moved to September. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Sat. June. 18, 2005

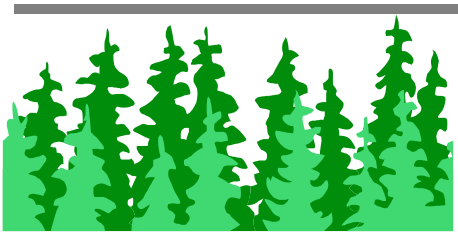
Walking Tour: The annual tour of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. 10 am. Theme yet to be chosen. Free.

Sat. Sept. 17, 2005

Walking Tour: A revisit to the West McGraw neighborhood. 10 am. Free.

Wed. Sept. 28, 2005

Program: Women of Queen Anne: Their Accomplishments and Their 1900 Fashions. Live models wearing period clothing. *Rescheduled from May. Not to be missed.* Location to be announced, 7:30 pm. Free.



The President's Desk

Staying Current with QAHS

Recently there's been a lot of activity in regards to the Park View Apts. If you are on our **email list**, you heard in advance about the meetings for landmark designation, as well as our position and efforts we're making to preserve the building. In addition, we send out emails about our neighborhood—a recent one involved the Sparger house at 2nd Ave. West and W. Prospect.

So if you're interested, please send us your email address and we'll add you to the list—just send it to *help@qahistory.org*. If your email only accepts text (vs. HTML), we need to know that too.

If you have an **email spam filter**, please set it so that it accepts mail from ***help@qahistory.org***. Some messages are returned as undeliverable, we believe, because your filters reject our sending address.

Please note that your email addresses are used only for our Society mailings and are never given to others.

Lastly, we have a few emails that are invalid. If you recognize the partial names here, please let us know the correct full address. Thanks. *Bjberg, woalloway, peskura*, and *davisjohnm* please send us an email address correction.

Our Mission Statement

The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

Park View

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Your help is needed. What do you know about this building? Do you know people who have lived there or what has occurred in the Park View? Are there photographs of the interior or of construction? Your help is needed for gathering information and for the designation hearing on Wenesday, March 16.

The society is cooperating with community members to prepare supporting documents for the landmark process. David A. Rask, Assoc. AIA, has been hired as a consultant to prepare these arguments. Your donations are requested to help pay for this expense of preparing a professional statement in favor of preservation.

Please write, phone, or email Bob Frazier, Holly Smith, or Kim Turner if you can help with information, or mail your donation, payable to Queen Anne Historical Society and designated "Park View Preservation," to our post office box.

Notes from The Archive by Bob Frazier

Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month. Again we honor the women of Queen Anne for their many contributions to family and community. Your community archive contains the following information on women: 54 taped interviews, 22 memoirs, 28 in our "People" file, 13 in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, and two "pioneers".

Do you know more? Would you like someone to be remembered in the future? If you want to know more, contact Bob Frazier. All this information is free and available to you through an appointment with Bob.

Heritage News

Water Tower To be Replaced

The work on the new Queen Anne water tower is proceeding through a series of public meetings and the Seattle Design Commission.

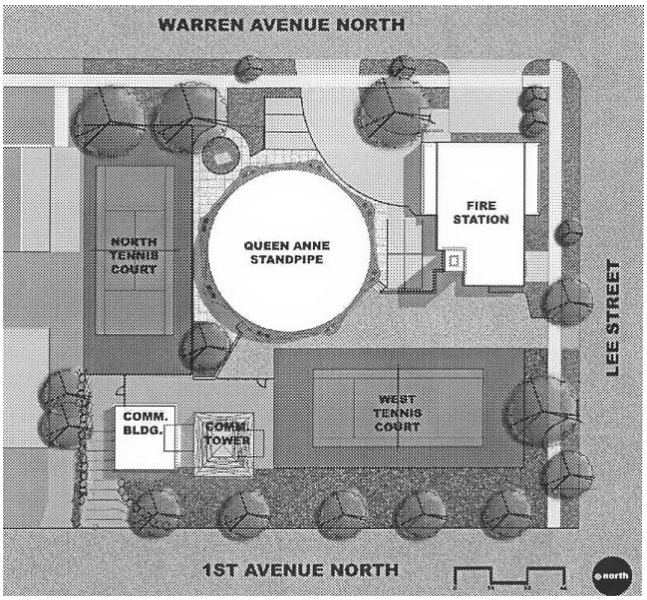
The currently proposed site layout is shown in the figure (below). The two existing towers (standpipes) will be removed, even though the older one has been landmarked. In their place will be a single tank, 75 feet in diameter and 65 feet high, with a capacity of almost twice the two older tanks combined.

Site crowding and budget constraints on Seattle Public Utilities will limit the amount of design and environmental enhancement possible.

There will be some type of interpretive display in the northeast corner (upper left of the figure). The detailed design and site amenities are still in work.

The schedule calls for final design completion by September, construction to start in January of 2006 and completion by October 2006. During the construction the two tennis courts will be out of service. The water supply during this time will be by direct pumping, with no reservoir tank.

This change illustrates that



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Address_____

City _____, State _____ Zip_____

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Member Category: (check one)

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___ I would like to become active in the Society.

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Return with payment to: *Queen Anne Historical Society,*

Yes, I want to order the Society's book, *Queen Anne—Community on the Hill*.
I understand that mailing costs will be added.

Prices are:
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($20 for members)
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($40 for members)

Please send me the following:
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***Coming up*: The story of how our Roads and Highways came to be, by Fennelle Miller, at the Wed. Mar. 23rd Program at McClure Middle School, 7:30 pm.**

Kim's Musings

Staying on Queen Anne

I was working on my usual research in the new Central Library, trying to find the "who" of the former residents at the Park View Apartments. The first listing for the apartments is in the 1928 Polk's Seattle City Directory. In order to find any of the residents of the building prior to those listed in the reverse directory of 1938, I had to work backward from that year. As I proceeded, the number of residents grew smaller and smaller, until there were none of the residents left in 1928 who were living in the building from 1938 onward. At the same time, I was checking on the whereabouts of the later tenants during the earlier period.

It still amazes me how many persons chose to live on Queen Anne Hill even though having to move from one part of the Hill to another. There seems to be a reluctance to leave the Hill, but to stay nearby in an affordable unit. There also seem to be a number of residents whose ability to afford the higher rents did not diminish with time.

I hope to bring my research up to 2000 before I quit this particular task. Also, I wish to have solid backing on the history of the Park View Apartments before they are voted into or out of history.

As an example of a noted Park View resident, from 1980 until his death in 1991, former State Senator, Representative, and King County Superior Court Judge the Hon. Francis E. Holman and his wife lived in apartment #101. His wife remained a resident there for several more years. He was noted for his stance on income tax and tax reform. He retired in 1985.

We are all the watchers, movers and savers of the best the Queen Anne community has to offer.

Kim R. Turner, Research Chair

Isn't it time you became more involved with the Queen Anne Historical Society? Join the Board of Trustees! Help out in the archives! Call John Hennes at (206) 284-2266 for more details about how you can share in making and keeping Queen Anne's history.